GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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JOINT FOREST MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has passed a Joint Forest Management (JFM) proposal which enumerates participation of local villagers and communities in conservation of forests and development of encroached forest land;

(b) if so, the main features thereof alongwith further action taken to boost the JFM;

(c) the number of JFM Committees at present and average area under per Committee, State-wise;

(d) the ratio of women's participation in JFM at present;

(e) whether JFM plan has paved the way in Madhya Pradesh during last decade;

(f) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and

(g) the steps taken to boost the women's participation in JFM?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, as per the provisions of National Forest Policy, 1988, the Government of India has outlined and conveyed to State Governments a framework for creating massive people's movement through involvement of village committees for the protection, regeneration and development of degraded forest lands. The main feature of Joint Forest Management (JFM) provides beneficiaries, a share in usufructs to the extent and subject to the conditions prescribed by the State Government in this behalf.

(c) Statement indicating number of JFM Committees and area under JFM State-wise is given in the Annexure.

(d) As per JFM resolutions of States, the proportion of women ranges from 33% to 50% in the General/Executive Body of JFM Committees.

(e) & (f) Yes Sir, there are 14,173 JFM Committees involved jointly with forest department in protection and development of 59,46,800 hectares of forests in Madhya Pradesh as on 31st March 2004.

(g) In order to boost women's participation in JFM, the Ministry has enhanced the representation of women to 50% in the General Body of Forest Development Agency, which is the delivery mechanism for implementation of National Afforestation Programme of the Ministry. Forest Development Agency is a federation of JFM Committees at the forest division level.

ANNEXURE
Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3680 by Prof. M. Ramadass and Shri Dalpat Singh Parste regarding Joint Forest Management due for reply on 18.4.2005
PROGRESS OF JFM IN THE COUNTRY

(AS ON 10.9.2003)

Sr.No.	State	No. of JFM Committees	Area under JFM(in ha)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7245	1886764
2	Arunachal Pradesh	308	80217
3	Assam	503	79251
4.	Bihar	493	267240.94

5. Chittisgarh 6881 2846762.16
6. Goa 26 13000

7 Gujarat 1424 160525.41

8. Haryana 875 56000

9. Himachal Pradesh 835 290922.8
10. Jammu & Kashmir 935 49544
11. Jharkhand 3358 847967.93
12. Karnataka 3470 232734
13. Kerala 323 170712
14. Madhya Pradesh 13698 5500000
15. Maharashtra 5322 1411215
16. Manipur 205 93941
17. Mizoram 249 10980
18. Nagaland 306 22930
19. Orissa 15985 821504
20. Punjab 287 56243.95
21. Rajasthan 3667 376766
22. Sikkim 158 600
23. Tamil Nadu 1816 445965
24. Tripura 234 34154
25. Uttar Pradesh 2030 112652.93
26. Uttaranachal 10107 859028
27. West Bangal 3892 604334
Total 84632 17331955.1

As per information received from Government of Madhya Pradesh, the number of JFM Committees and area under JFM is 14,173 and 59,46,800 hectares respectively as on 31st March 2004.